

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the non-utilisation of lakhs of cusecs of water of Chambal river which goes down the drain every year;
- (b) whether there is need to check the flow of the water of Chambal river keeping in view the interests of the farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) The Gandhisagar, Ranapratapsagar, Jawaharsagar and Kota Barrage projects of the Chambal river cascade are important projects in the integrated development of this river for irrigation and power generation. Kota Barrage with its canals on both right and left banks is catering to irrigation demands of farmers in both, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. This arrangement, which was planned in early fifties makes nearly full utilization of the available inflows both for power generation as well as for meeting the completely divergent needs of irrigation.

Irrigation being a State subject, the irrigation projects are planned, executed and funded by State Government themselves as per their priorities.

Two irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh in Chambal Basin are under appraisal in Central Water Commission. Present status of appraisal is given in Annex-I.

Six projects of Rajasthan (3 major and 3 medium) of Chambal basin in Rajasthan are also under appraisal in Central Water Commission. The present status of appraisal is given in Annex-II.

In addition, 4 medium irrigation projects of Chambal basin in Rajasthan have been accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control & Multipurpose projects of the Ministry of Water Resources, the details of which are given in Annex-III.

The time taken to completed appraisal process depends on the promptness with which, the State Governments furnishes replies to the observations of the Central Appraising agencies.